



Ohio High School Athletic Association

Doug Ute, Executive Director

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ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

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TO: Member Schools' Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Administrators
FR: OHSAA Executive Director's Office

The following updates and reminders are being sent electronically to member school superintendents, principals and athletic administrators. Please share this update with other interested administrators and coaches on your staff.

Winter Tournament Information

Draws for all OHSAA winter tournaments have been completed with the exceptions of ice hockey, boys wrestling and girls wrestling. For statewide basketball tournament brackets, go to the OHSAA website as follows:

Girls Basketball

<https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Basketball-Girls/Girls-Basketball-2022-23/2023-OHSAA-Girls-Basketball-Statewide-Tournament-Brackets>

Boys Basketball

<https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Basketball-Boys/Boys-Basketball-2022-23/2023-OHSAA-Boys-Basketball-Statewide-Tournament-Brackets>

For school assignments for sectional **Bowling**, **Gymnastics** and **Swimming & Diving** tournaments, visit your specific OHSAA District Athletic Board website by going to: <https://www.ohsaa.org/about/districtboards>.

OHSAA to Host Athletic Discussion Meetings in April and May

The OHSAA will again host in-person Athletic Discussion Meetings for school administrators in each of the six OHSAA athletic districts in April and May. Registration information will be sent later this month asking athletic administrators to complete the registration process for not only themselves but also superintendents and principals. Director Kristin Ronai will review the upcoming OHSAA referendum issues on which member school principals will vote in May, and Executive Director Doug Ute will discuss current issues of interest. Meetings will take place as follows:

Monday, April 17, 10:00 to noon — Quest Conference Center, **Westerville**

Tuesday, April 18, 10:00 to noon — Ohio University Inn & Conference Center, **Athens**

Tuesday, April 25, 10:30 to 12:30 – Auditorium, **Streetsboro** High School

Thursday, April 27, 1:30 to 3:30 – Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center, **Cambridge**

Friday, April 28, 10:00 to noon – Community Auditorium, **Clayton Northmont** High School

Monday, May 1, 9:00* to noon – Northwest District Site **TBA** (*combined with Northwest District Athletic Board awards ceremony)

State Basketball Tournaments Ticketing Information

Superintendents, principals, athletic administrators and head girls and boys basketball coaches were sent information recently about the digital ticketing purchase process for the state girls and boys basketball tournaments. The ticket window for schools opened February 2. That process has replaced the paper forms schools were sent in the past and is being handled by our digital ticketing partner, HomeTown Ticketing.

Each OHSAA member school has access to purchase up to eight (8) all-session tickets for the girls tournament AND eight (8) all-session tickets for the boys tournament before tickets are available to the public. Those eight tickets can be located together. Each school has been provided with one presale code for the girls tournament and a separate one for the boys tournament. Purchasers have the opportunity to click on and select their seats from a seat map of the University of Dayton Arena. All-session ticket sales will be valid through Friday, March 3, or until your school's presale code has been used to purchase your eight (8) all-session tickets. All-session tickets sales for the public began Monday (February 6).

Both 2023 state basketball tournaments will again be held at the University of Dayton Arena, with the girls tournament Thursday through Saturday, March 9-11, and the boys tournament Friday through Sunday, March 17-19. For more questions, including the steps to claim tickets contact OHSAA Customer Experience Manager, Claire Duesdieker Keohane, at claired@ohsaa.org.

OHSAA January Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Available Along with Corrected December 16 Special Meeting Minutes

Here is a link to the minutes from January 12, 2023, OHSAA Board of Directors Meeting:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Board-of-Directors-Minutes/2022-23/20230112BoardMinutes.pdf>.

And here is a link to the corrected minutes from the December 16, 2022, OHSAA Board of Directors Special Virtual Meeting: <https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Board-of-Directors-Minutes/2022-23/20221216BoardMinutesSpecial.pdf>.

Please feel free to share this link with other staff members and coaches that you believe may have an interest in the board minutes.

REMINDER: Non- Interscholastic/Out of Season Football Regulation is Restrictive

Administrators and football coaches are reminded that football is the most restrictive OHSAA sport in terms of out-of-season coaching and use of equipment/having contact. OHSAA General Sports Regulation 7.4.1 reads as follows:

A member of an interscholastic football team may not participate in an athletic contest with a non-interscholastic team in that same sport between August 1 and May 31. Any contact football, flag football, touch football, 7 on 7 football and arena football are examples of non-permissible events. Please note that this includes 7th and 8th grade players.

Players will lose eligibility next school year by violating this regulation! For more information, please review all of the regulations under OHSAA General Sports Regulation 7 by going to:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/SchoolResources/Handbook.pdf>.

Schools Can View the OHSAA Foundation Student Leadership Conference

In conjunction with the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center, the Ohio High School Athletic Association Foundation Student Leadership Conference was held in November, and administrators are welcome to gather school groups to view the presentation at: <https://mjvirtualevents.com/ohsaa/mid-oh-slc>. The presentation lasts approximately two hours and will be available for viewing through February 17, 2023. The theme of the leadership conference is "Leave a Legacy – Be the Voice of Change," and features four highly acclaimed speakers in **Harvey Alston**, opening keynote speaker: "Be the Voice," followed by **Deb Hult**: "Creating Actions," **Omari Pearson**: "Creating a Shared Vision" and **Jason Michaels**: "Overcoming Difficulties." Note that to view the conference, simply click on the link above (no passwords are needed and there is no cost).

Coaches Selected As Ohio Coaches-of-the-Year; Five Also Win Region Award; Simonetti Frost Wins National Honors

The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Coaches-of-the-Year honorees have been selected for the 2021-22 school year at the state, region and national levels. Twenty-six coaches have been named Ohio coaches-of-the-year, as selected by their respective state coaches associations. Five of those coaches - **Terri Simonetti Frost** (field hockey, Thomas Worthington); **Jeff Riegler** (girls swimming & diving, Gahanna Lincoln); **Laura Smith** (volleyball, Frankfort Adena); **Ryan Alexander** (baseball, Grove City), and **Reno Saccoccia** (football, Steubenville) were also named region coaches-of-the-year while Simonetti Frost was also selected as national coach-of-the-year. The region and national awards were selected by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Coaches Association.

Besides those listed above, 2021-22 Ohio girls coaches-of-the-year are Dan Liedtke (basketball, Fort Frye); Corby Anderson (bowling, Wooster Triway); Olivia Scott (cross country, Minerva); CD Butcher (golf, Dublin Jerome); Darcy Ranallo (gymnastics, Medina); Pamela Malone (soccer, Chagrin Falls); Keith Castner (softball, West Chester Lakota West); Ryan Shaffer (tennis, North Canton Hoover); Roger Whittaker (track & field, Gahanna Lincoln); and Chris Baird (wrestling, Harrison). 2021-22 Ohio boys coaches-of-the-year are Dave Boyce (basketball, Perrysburg); Andy Parker (bowling, Centerville); Tom Rapp (cross country, Mason); Trevor Ward (golf, Harrison); John Malloy (ice hockey, Gates Mills Gilmour); Kyle Olson (lacrosse, Upper Arlington); Chris Dore (soccer, Avon); Chris Meleason (swimming & diving, Beaver creek); Mike Teets (tennis, Cincinnati Sycamore); Ted Ginn Sr. (track & field, Cleveland Glenville), and Chance VanGundy (wrestling, Dublin Coffman).

Mandatory Spring Sports Online Rules Meetings Requirements

Please remind your coaches that all OHSAA sports have a mandatory on-line rules meeting requirement. These are required in order for your school to participate in the OHSAA tournament for that specific sport and participation must be by either the varsity head coach, varsity assistant coach or athletic administrator. Spring sports rules meetings have been posted in *myOHSAA*, and details are sent from the OHSAA Sport Management team to coaches. Here is the schedule for spring 2023 sports:

Sport	Start Date	Late Fee Begins	End Date	OHSAA Credit Coordinator for Coaches
Baseball	Wed., Feb. 8 at 9:00 AM	Sun., Mar. 26	Mon., May 1 at 11:59 PM	Emily Mason (emason@ohsaa.org)
Lacrosse (B)	Thur., Feb. 9 at 9:00 AM	Sat., Mar. 18	Mon., May 1 at 11:59 PM	Beau Rugg (brugg@ohsaa.org)
Lacrosse (G)	Thur., Feb. 9 at 9:00 AM	Sat., Mar. 18	Mon., May 1 at 11:59 PM	Beau Rugg (brugg@ohsaa.org)
Softball	Wed., Feb. 8 at 9:00 AM	Sun., Mar. 26	Mon., Apr. 24 at 11:59 PM	Kate Barnett (kbarnett@ohsaa.org)
Tennis (B)	Wed., Feb. 8 at 9:00 AM	Sat., Mar. 25	Mon., Apr. 24 at 11:59 PM	Dustin Ware (dware@ohsaa.org)
Track & Field	Thur., Feb. 9 at 9:00 AM	Sun., Mar. 26	Mon., Apr. 24 at 11:59 PM	Dustin Ware (dware@ohsaa.org)
Volleyball (B)	Wed., Jan. 25 at 9:00 AM	Sat., Mar. 11	Mon., Apr. 24 at 11:59 PM	Emily Mason (emason@ohsaa.org)
Late Fee Begins	Day after first date of competition			
End Date	The "End Date" is the same as the tournament entry/withdraw deadline date.			

For information published in the January 24, 2023, OHSAA Administrator Update, please go to:
<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/BulletinBoard/AdministratorUpdateJanuary24,2023.pdf>

For information published in the January 10, 2023, OHSAA Administrator Update, please go to:
<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/BulletinBoard/AdministratorUpdateJanuary10,2023.pdf>

For additional information published in past OHSAA Administrator Updates through December 31, 2022, please see page 3 of the November 29 edition at:
<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/BulletinBoard/11292022AdministratorUpdate.pdf>

Thank you for your attention to this information. Please contact us if we can be of service!